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NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS Day Admitted my Brother, Mr. MURRAY STEWART, to a PARTNERSHIP in my Business. GERSHOM STEWART. Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. 894

NOTICE.

THE Business hitherto conducted under the name of ANTON & STEWART will in future be carried on under the name of STEWART BROS. Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. 895

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICES of this Company have This Day been TRANSFERRED from No. 7, Praya Central, to PRINCE'S BUILDING (1st Floor), Chater Road.

IEO ITAMI.

Acting Manager. Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. 893

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW.

THE Company's Steamship "HAITAN," Captain Rosch, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 27th Inst., at DAYLIGHT.

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THEATRE ROYAL—DON'T MISS SEEING the Dallas Company in the great modern Comedy "HIS EXCELLENCE THE GOVERNOR" TO-NIGHT.

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES SOCIETY.

LECTURE.

M. J. W. JONES has kindly consented to deliver a LECTURE on "THE GRIP ON COLONIAL EMPIRE" at the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, TODAY (MONDAY), the 26th March, at 5.15 P.M.

The Honourable W. M. GOODMAN will take the Chair.

HENRY E. POLLOCK, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong Odd Volume Society. Hongkong, 25th March, 1900. 894

AN ORGAN RECITAL.

will be given by M. A. G. WARD, IN

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, TO-DAY (MONDAY), March 26th, 1900, at 8.30 P.M.

VOCALIST—Mr. ALEX. MARSH. Hongkong, 25th March, 1900. 875

THE LAWN TENNIS

TOURNAMENT of the HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB will be held on

FRIDAY, 6th APRIL, 1900.

Entries CLOSE TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), 27th instant, at 6 P.M.

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EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 378, will be held at the FREEMASON'S HALL on THURSDAY, the 29th instant, at 5 for 5.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 22nd March, 1900. 894

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In his Report on the Foreign Trade of China in 1890 the Statistical Secretary represents the charge of undue optimism which was brought against him by some of the critics of his Report last year; and he admits the actual smallness of China's trade when its possibilities are considered. But he derives comfort, not dissatisfaction, from the comparison of Chinese and Indian exports. If, he says in effect, India with her excellent roads, her railway system, and her light taxation, can only show a total Export Trade three times the size of China's, have we not every reason to be optimistic about the future of China, larger in extent, naturally richer, inhabited by a more numerous and more industrious population, when she shucks off the burden of lack of roads, absence of railways, and a crushing taxation? Already her total trade is Hk. Tls. 460,535,288; and her total Revenue for 1890 is the highest ever recorded, amounting to Hk. Tls. 26,661,460, with Hk. Tls. 3,143,413. The year 1890 says Mr. TAYLOR, has shown in a striking manner that an advance in trade when circumstances are propitious. And yet we may say that China still has no railway, still taxes her mines unworked. If she stands so well already, what may we not look for in the future when she uses her resources, and has a system of internal railways? The Report does not directly take into consideration the new Siberian line now so rapidly becoming an actual fact, though this course is destined at no distant date to mark a new epoch in China's commercial history. But the Statistical Secretary says generally: "The future is distinctly bright, if the results to be expected from the coming railways are calculated. The Chinese, from highest to lowest, are traders by instinct and vice prompt to take advantage of every opportunity of profit." What may be expected, then, from a close observer has called "a far more revolutionary change than the great change brought about by the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869?"

We do not intend, however, to go into the details of Mr. TAYLOR's Report, for this could not be done adequately without more quotation than our space allows. We may, however, note some of the chief points. The total value of the Import trade was Hk. Tls. 264,748,456, double that of 1890. Opium reached high prices, owing either to bad crops or to excessive adulteration of the Native Drug. The importation of Morphine continued to increase. Cotton Goods made

a great advance. Both English and American Sheetings rose. Most noteworthy was the continued advance in American and Japanese goods, the latter especially showing very rapid development. There was a great advance, too, in fancy cotton goods. Woolen goods did not make such progress as cotton. Such comforts and luxuries as candles, cigar and cigarettes, clocks and watches, florals, widow-gowns, lamps, matches, needles, perfume, soap, sugar and umbrellas were all purchased freely. With regard to Exports, Mr. TAYLOR says that they are at present checked by price and inferior quality—the former

is cost of carriage and heavy taxation, the latter to adulteration or faulty methods of preparation for foreign markets.

Yet their total value was estimated at Hk. Tls. 195,784,882, more than double the figures for 1890. With the opening up of new districts by railway another doubling is predicted in the next ten years. The Black Tea export trade is reviving, in spite of the hold of Indian and Ceylon Teas on the English Market. Silk and Silk Products have had a remarkably prosperous year, but still remain in the goodness of the 1900 crop, whether there is to be progress.

Beacons, for Japan, advanced. Tolucco fell off, the check being "probably due to defective packing and sorting." Wool had a good season and an increase in this export is anticipated.

Under the Reading Shipping Mr. TAYLOR says: "Entries from Foreign ports were 7,701 vessels, aggregating 5,479,000 tons, as compared with 6,063 vessels, in 1898, total tonnage of 4,927,000 tons, in 1898, and in 1899, 11,147,000 tons, as against 19,958 vessels, representing 12,161,000 tons, in 1898. The total tonnage, entries and clearances, was 30,263,000 tons; and of this total, Great Britain contributed 59 per cent; China, 24 per cent; Japan, 7 per cent; Germany, 5 per cent; France, 2 per cent; Sweden and Norway, 1 per cent; Russia, 1 per cent; and America, 1 per cent. It may be interesting to note the percentages contributed by each in "to the total tonnage entered from Foreign ports," which were: British, 61; Japanese, 13; German, 6; French, 5; Chinese, 5; American, 3; Swedish and Norwegian, 2; all other flags, 3. The tonnage employed in the Foreign trade has approximately doubled since 1890."

It doubled since 1890—"this is the burden of the Report, and a most excellent burden it is, when coupled with the strong hope that the doubling process will continue.

The European mail did not arrive when we were to press this morning.

The R.M.S. steamer *Bengal*, with the outward English Mail, left Singapore on Saturday afternoon, the 22nd instant, and may be expected here on Thursday afternoon next, the 29th instant, at 4 p.m.

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